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1. AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, 4-5 CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS WILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 27-28. THEY PLAN SUBSEQUENTLY TO VISIT WARSAW, BUCHAREST AND MOSCOW FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH EMBASSY AND APPROPRIATE MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

2. NOT ALL STAFFERS YET HAVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S APPROVALS BUT MOST SEEM FAIRLY FIRM AT THIS POINT. THESE ARE: ROBERT A. BEST, CHIEF ECONOMIST OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE; STANLEY MARCUSS, MAJORITY COUNSEL TO THE SENATE BANKING SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL FINANCE; DAVID B. ROHR, PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANT, HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRADE; ROGER MAJAK, CONSULTANT, HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL
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TRADE AND COMMERCE; THOMAS E. POPOVICH, MINORITY SUB-

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COMMITTEE CONSULTANT, SAME SUBCOMMITTEE AS MAJAK. PAUL K. STAHNKE OF STATE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS WILL ACCOMPANY.

3. OBJECTIVE OF THE VISITS, AS WITH THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE GARMISCH CONFERENCE, IS TO BRING THESE KEY STAFFERS DIRECTLY IN CONTACT WITH PROBLEMS IN EAST-WEST TRADE AND FINANCE. ALL HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN LEGISLATION AFFECTING EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS INCLUDING TRADE ACT, EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT AND ROMANIAN TRADE AGREEMENT. WHILE EACH HAS CERTAIN SPECIALIZED INTERESTS, THEY LIE SUFFICIENTLY CLOSE TOGETHER TO PERMIT COMMON PROGRAMMING. INTERESTS ARE IN EXIMBANK CREDITS, EXPORT CONTROLS, OVER-ALL TRADE PROBLEMS AND OBJECTIVES, EFFECTS OF TRADE ACT RESTRICTIONS AND EMIGRATION QUESTION.

4. TRAVEL FROM MUNICH TENTATIVELY SET AS FOLLOWS:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
- LV MUNICH 0950
- ARR VIENNA 1045
- LV VIENNA 1140
- ARR WARSAW 1245
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 1
- IN WARSAW
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2
- LV WARSAW 1535
- ARR BUCHAREST 1835
SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 4, 5
- IN BUCHAREST
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6
- LV BUCHAREST 1630
- ARR MOSCOW 2010
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7,8
- IN MOSCOW
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9
- LV MOSCOW FOR WASHINGTON

5. ACTION POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IF THEY HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS SCHEDULE AND TO WORK OUT
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SCHEDULING.

6. FOR BUCHAREST. IOAN CORA, FIRST SECRETARY (ECONOMICS AND FINANCE) OF THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY WAS TOLD BY DAVE ROHR (WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE), OF THE PLANNED VISIT TO ROMANIA. SUBSEQUENTLY, CORA TOLD BOTH ROHR AND STAHNKE(H) THAT HE WAS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE VISIT AND OFFERED TO ASSIST IN PROGRAMMING. HE GOES BACK TO ROMANIA ON HOME

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LEAVE SEPTEMBER 16. CORA SUGGESTED, INTER ALIA, CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHAIRED MEETING ON EMIGRATION QUESTION. HE OFFERED ASSISTANCE FOR SUNDAY SIGHTSEEING. HE ALSO URGED, IF TIME AVAILABLE, VISIT TO TRANSYLVANIA TO

EXAMINE MINORITY QUESTION FIRSTHAND. HE WAS ADVISED THAT WE WOULD COMMUNICATE THESE SUGGESTIONS TO EMBASSY WHICH WILL ARRANGE SCHEDULING. ROBINSON

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